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PENSION SCHEME TO EMPLOYEES WORKING UNDER PUNJAB UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Universities that do not have a pension scheme for its employees;

(b) whether the Punjab University had forwarded to the Government a pension scheme for its employees;

(c) if so, salient features thereof;

(d) whether the Government has turned down the same; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) All Central Universities have a provision for pension schemes for employees under their respective Acts.

(b) to (e): The Panjab University had, in the past twice come up with the proposal of introduction of a Pension Scheme for its employees. The first such proposal which was made in 1991 and notified in 1993, could not be implemented as no cut off date was provided in the scheme. As a result a large number of persons who retired several years earlier also opted to join the Scheme, making it economically unviable. Thereafter, a revised Pension Scheme prepared by Panjab University in 1999, in supersession of its earlier Scheme, was proposed to be made applicable to those who had retired on or after the 31st March, 1998. The revised Scheme was not approved by the Government.

The Panjab University has now submitted a proposal for the re-introduction of The Panjab University Employees Pension Scheme, 1991 and with a cut off date of 1.4.2005; the same is presently under the examination of the Government as a new scheme.